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SUBJECT: ARRESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN BALI

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1. ACCORDING TO DENPASAR POLICE OFFICIAL THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO AMERICANS ARRESTED IN BALI SINCE THE ARREST OF THE SIX AMERICANS CURRENTLY AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THEIR APPEAL. THIS INCLUDES AMERICANS ARRESTED FOR OFFENSES OTHER THAN INDECENCY.

2. YESTERDAY, BALI IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING ON A LIMITED BASIS TO EXPELL FOREIGNERS WHO VIOLATE DRESS CODE IN BALI. HE DID NOT SAY HOW MANY PERSONS OF WHAT NATIONALITY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE INDONESIA, BUT THEIR NUMBER WOULD INCLUDE NUDE SUNBATHERS.

3. STATEMENT THAT BALI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED IN ARREST OF SIX AMERICANS STRIKES US AS IMPLAUSIBLE. IN INTERVIEW TWO WEEKS AGO, HEAD OF BALI IMMIGRATION STATED THAT ONLY ROLE PLAYED BY IMMIGRATION IN ARREST OF SUBJECT SIX AMERICANS AND TWO AUSTRALIANS HAS BEEN AS GUARDIANS OF PASSPORTS. BASED ON PAST DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS WORD. FURTHER, AS NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, IMMIGRATION IS CONTINUING ITS INFORMAL (AND TYPICALLY JAVANESE) PROGRAM OF EXPELLING UNDESIRABLE FOREIGNERS. RATHER THAN ARRESTING THEM.

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